

14.18.050 Permanent Water Conservation Requirements – Prohibition Against Waste.
(3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)

The following water conservation requirements are effective at all times and are permanent. Violations of this section will be considered waste and an unreasonable use of water.
(3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)

- a. **Limits on Watering Hours: Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Pacific Standard Time on any day, except by use of a hand-water shut-off nozzle or device, or for very short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system. (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- b. **Limit on Watering Duration: Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water using a landscape irrigation system or a watering device that is not continuously attended is limited to no more than fifteen (15) minutes watering per day per station.** This subsection does not apply to landscape irrigation systems that exclusively use very low-flow drip type irrigation systems when no emitter produces more than two (2) gallons of water per hour and weather based controllers or steam rotor sprinklers that meet a 70% efficiency standard. (3104-4/91, 3810. 9/08, 3849-1/10)
- c. **No Excessive Water Flow or Runoff: Watering or irrigating of any lawn, landscape or other vegetated area in a manner that causes or allows excessive water flow or runoff onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, alley, gutter or ditch is prohibited.** (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- d. **No Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces: Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, is prohibited except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards,** and then only by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off device, a low-volume, high-pressure cleaning machine equipped to recycle any water used, or a low-volume high-pressure water broom. (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- e. **Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks or Malfunctions: Excessive loss or escape of water through breaks, leaks or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing or distribution system for any period of time after such escape of water should have reasonably been discovered and corrected and in no event more than seven (7) days of receiving notice from the City of Huntington Beach, is prohibited.** (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- f. **Re-circulating Water Required for Water Fountains and Decorative Water Features: Operating a water fountain or other decorative water feature that does not use re-circulated water is prohibited.** (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- g. **Limits on Washing Vehicles: Use water to wash or clean a vehicle, including but not limited to any automobile, truck, van, bus, motorcycle, boat or trailer, whether motorized or not is prohibited, except by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device.** This subsection does not apply to any commercial car washing facility. (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)City of Huntington Beach Chapter 14.18 Page 4 of 10

- h. **Drinking Water Served Upon Request Only:** Eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to a restaurant, hotel, café, cafeteria, bar, or other public place where food or drinks are sold, served, or offered for sale, are prohibited from providing drinking water to any person unless expressly requested. (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- g. **Commercial Lodging Establishments Must Provide Guests Option to Decline Daily Linen Services:** Hotels, motels and other commercial lodging establishments must provide customers the option of not having towels and linen laundered daily. Commercial lodging establishments must prominently display notice of this option in each bathroom using clear and easily understood language. (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- j. **No Installation of Single Pass Cooling Systems to Domestic Water Supplies:** Installation of single pass cooling systems is prohibited in buildings requesting new water service. (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- k. **No Installation of Non-re-circulating in Commercial Car Wash and Laundry Systems:** Installation of non-recirculating water systems is prohibited in new commercial conveyor car wash and new commercial laundry systems. (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- l. **Restaurants Required to Use Water Conserving Dish Wash Spray Valves:** Food preparation establishments, such as restaurants or cafes, are prohibited from using non-water conserving dish wash spray valves. (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)
- m. **Commercial Car Wash Systems:** Effective on January 1, 2010, all new commercial conveyor car wash systems must have installed **operational re-circulating water systems, or must have secured a waiver of this requirement from the City of Huntington Beach.** (3104-4/91, 3810-9/08, 3849-1/10)